South Arm Peninsula Newsletter

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South Arm Walking School Bus

On 21 May 2012 the Walking School Bus initiative was launched at South Arm Primary School. Walking approximately 2km from two different directions, 13 children and 6 adults met at Harmony Lane to finish off the last few hundred metres together. Each 'bus driver' wears a high visibility vest, with one at the back of



the 'bus' and one at the front. While we live in a beautiful area, many of us busy lives, hence this was an important to step towards providing an opportunity for our children to enjoy and connect with their environment, whilst helping also. It was an inspiring way to start the day, with much fun, laughter and

chatting by all. On our way to school we discussed in future having a colourful scarf day, a crazy hat day, a bunny ears day and a few other ideas. We are very fortunate in South Arm to have a wonderful bike/walking track that was built by our community and maintained by the council, providing a safe trail for walking. At this stage we are only offering a one-way journey on a Monday but hope to build this up in the near future. (Photo sent in by Jo Maddock)

Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club 50th Anniversary—Searching for Old Members

2013 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Founded in 1963, the club first operated in a tent, then the old blue vertical weatherboard clubhouse, which was demolished several decades later, until the current double story brick building was built with volunteer labour. Next year the club will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a range of activities including a major \$500,000 redevelopment of the clubhouse, hosting the 2013 Tasmanian Championships in March and a range of social functions for past and present members.

The organising committee is keen to ensure as many old members as possible are aware of the celebrations. Contacting past members has become easier thanks to a new Clifton Beach SLSC Facebook page which 'be-friended' over 200 members in its first week. Many past members have been busy finding and posting old photos, renewing acquaintances and retelling tales (some of which shouldn't be retold!) and have been keen to hear of the planned celebrations. If you have family or friends who were ex members of the Club please let them know about the 50th Anniversary so they can follow plans on Facebook etc. If Facebook is not their/your world please follow up committee members—contacts are listed on p. 8.



JOIN FACEBOOK! Local groups are using Facebook to keep in touch. Visit www.facebook.com/Sapra.Inc or /Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

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Work to start on bike path extension

SAPRA has received a Tasmanian Community Fund grant to continue the bike path linking the South Arm Shop to the RSL & Community Club; work will start in the coming weeks. Coastcare will be helping out and we hope to extend the Avenue of Flowering Gums along this section of the road. Thanks to Dick Vaughan for his management of the project and to Jenni McLeod for her grant writing skills!

South Arm Community Centre - Make it buzz!

What would you like to see happening in your Community Centre? This is an opportunity for everyone around the peninsula to share their ideas and take part in making the centre buzz! We want to hear from all corners of the community – residents of all ages, businesses and visitors. Cont...p. 2

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Guest speakers? First Aid? Exhibitions or U3A courses? Social activities? Or do you have expertise or interest in an area and could run a course? We are currently looking for a Yoga instructor and would like to hold something to do with spinning, weaving and artistic knitting demonstrations. Please get in touch and share your ideas. Email Pene seafoam@bigpond.com | visit Sapra.Inc on Facebook | call a SAPRA committee member (see below).

Join a class or workshop

CREATIVE WRITING. Resuming 26 October, 1.30pm. This class has been successfully producing some great pieces of writing. We have a lovely teacher who welcomes back those past writers along with new ones who are feeling a little creative. Those of you who feel you have a story but just can't work out how to put it on paper will benefit from joining this class.

ART. This class is having a short winter recession, starting again in the first week of September when the Wednesday morning class will resume. Karen Marlow is on call over winter to help you with any queries and to offer guidance and inspiration if required.

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thespian pilgrims, 'Knight's Tale style'? Would you be interested in making your own medieval chair? Perhaps you would like to join a sewing group and make your own medieval costume for the event. These classes will be offered based on your feedback. Register an expression of interest.

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FLU SEASON has arrived!



It has been widely reported that the flu season this year is particularly bad. Influenza (or flu) comes around in winter; vaccination is your best protection. The 2012 flu vaccine helps protect you against 3 of the most common strains of flu - influenza A (H3N2 and H1N1) & Influenza B. People who had the vaccine in 2011 still need to get a vaccine in 2012 as immunity from the vaccine only lasts a short time and it is important to have a high number of antibodies circulating in our bodies to protect us . Free influenza vaccine is available for:

- anyone aged 65 or over
- pregnant women
- Indigenous people aged over 15 yrs
- people from six months of age with medical conditions, such as heart & lung disease, cancers, HIV, asthma & diabetes. See your GP for the influenza vaccine. Those eligible for the free vaccine may still have to pay a consulting fee, just like a regular appointment. People who are not eligible for a free vaccine can purchase the vaccine via pharmacy prescription. We still have stocks of the 2012 Fluvax available.

Prevent the spread of flu. As well as getting the seasonal flu shot, there are some basic steps we can all take to help prevent the spread of flu this winter. Cont...p. 4



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OPEN MIC DAY 12 August, 2:00pm—Free event

There is a lot of hidden talent living in our beautiful part of the world, however, not everyone gets the chance to show it off. Well here's your chance, on Sunday 12 August the RSL is hosting an open microphone day. All musicians, singers and dancers are invited to come along and perform. Organiser Tony Spruce said "We would love to see any talented people of all ages and genres to come a long to share their talent and to meet other musicians". Microphones will be available and a P.A. system will be set up. So if you'd like to perform please call Tony on 0414 702 984. If you would just like to come along and enjoy the music and have a drink or light refreshment, that's OK too, the more the merrier!



LIVE BAND - 3 + One 17 August, 8:00pm-midnight

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GIRLS NIGHT IN 19 October, 6:30pm

NIGHT Come along for a IN great night to enjoy



a meal and catch up with the ladies from the area, meet old friends and maybe make some new ones! \$25 entry includes a two course meal and please wear something pink! A raffle on the night and funds from the meal all go to supporting Cancer Council research, support services and prevention program for all womens' cancers. Every dollar and every conversation helps so please join us for a fun night. Tickets now available from Sally on 6239 9535 or Leonie on 6239 9453. BOOK EARLY!

Know someone who deserves a big thank you from the community?

Nominate them for the 2012 SAPRA Community Award

We all know the South Arm peninsula has a great community spirit and there are many people in our midst who quietly help out and contribute to our general well-being. If you know someone or a local group who deserves a big thank you for what they do, then nominate them for a 2012 SAPRA Community Award. Simply tell us who they are, what they do and why you think they deserve recognition. Please include your name and contact details as well as the nominees.

Write 2012 to: SAPRA Community Awards, C/- South Arm Shop, kerry@smsaccountin g.com.au or give to a Committee Member. **Awards** will he presented at the 2012 SAPRA AGM (date TBC, probably early October). Nominations close end of September.

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Flu update, cont...p.2

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- If you do get sick, please don't share it – cover your mouth with your elbow (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Stay away from work or school if you are ill.

For information, visit us at South Arm Community Pharmacy

Community Market

I never cease to be amazed at how much the Community Market has grown, and how far the news has spread. We now have two more people from Dodges Ferry coming with their goods, and a lady who drives for two hours to come to the market. They tell me it is such a happy market, and they feel welcome, as does two extras from Rokeby. What about the beautiful veggies that are in the outside area, you have to be quick, as they sell out early. Please don't forget that car-boot sellers are always welcome. Bookings & enquiries call Pam on 6248 9852.

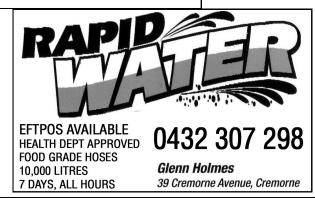
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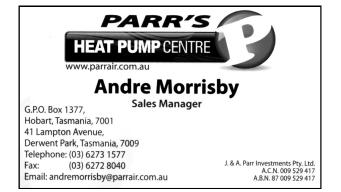
Donations from the July lunch will go to St Barnabus Church and donations from the upcoming lunch on 20 August will go to Headway. See p. 8 for contacts & details.

Arm End History

With so much interest at the present time about the northern end of the South Arm Peninsula and what we all call Arm End, I felt it was time to talk about some early history and about what has been described by the people who lived through the period when it was still being developed. A letter written in 1825 by the grantee of the land himself William Gellibrand told how he found several small wells of fresh water supply for his sheep, by which time he had a stock of 500 sheep grazing on the land. I was fortunate to have a visit in 2007 by Jan Holloway who was trying to locate Mortimer Bay which we all know is on the East side of Ralphs Bay. Jan explained her connection with Henry Mortimer and his family who in 1825 established their home and farm at Mortimer Bay. Some time after I received a copy of a letter from Jan written by Martha Jane Maritz nee Mortimer who was a young girl born September 1834, she also had two sisters and two brothers. In the letter Jane described the times spent staying with Mr. Gellibrand and his house keeper Mrs. Watkins. It was 1839 and Henry Mortimer decided to move his family to Victoria, leaving the three girls Jane, Ann & Salina with Mr. Gellibrand while they made arrangements for the move, she went on to describe how Mr. Gellibrand went each morning to dig the area that the vault now stands. She also mentions how an old fisherman named Jimmy lived in a hut by the beach (possibly Mary Ann Beach) as remains of a building has been found within that area. Henry Mortimer chartered the Brig Caroline (Captain Stains) they left Hobart 4th December 1839, the vessel hove to opposite South Arm and Mrs. Watkins took the three girls out in one of their yachts. Mr. Gellibrand had two boats the "Amphitrite" and the "Star". From the remains of the home established by Gellibrand and later aerial imaging has been possible to determine the position of the home plus a description passed on by the late Ruby Gellibrand wife of Thomas, who lived at Glenvar Opossum Bay. Although there is very little to show today we do know that quite a small orchard was established on the lower level against the bank of what we know as the Spit. Following the passing of William Gellibrand 1840, some years later the farm was leased to Christopher Calvert Jnr. till the time he retired 1915 and moved to Hobart. Mr. George Richardson leased the Arm End in 1948, he appointed a manager Mr. Arthur Thompson. It was 1852 when Mr. Geoff Calvert purchased the property. The land today is in under the control of the National Parks & Wild Life with a proposal to lease the land for a links golf course to be established.

by Maurice Potter





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Speed Limit Proposal. As there were no objections to the proposal to have the speed limit between South Arm and Half Moon Bay revised back to the original 80km, SAPRA will be going ahead and recommending the change to DIER.

South Arm Coastcare

12 AUGUST, 3 - 5pm. A WALK AND TALK led by Phil Watson to discuss the Blessington Coastal COASTCARE Reserve Activity Plan (RAP). A RAP includes



recommendations for weed control, revegetation activities and track maintenance. The recommendations contained within a RAP are intended to provide guidance for on ground activities that can be implemented by Council or volunteers from South Arm Coastcare or other local residents. It is acknowledged that it may not be possible to undertake all recommended activities due to resource constraints; rather the intent of this plan is to provide a guide to management concepts and outcomes that could be implemented if sufficient funding can be obtained. Come along and put in your 'two-bob's' worth. A walk with Phil is always interesting and educational.

26 AUGUST. We will concentrate on removing any new Boneseed that dare show their heads on our turf. Meet at the end of Spitfarm Road, 10am.

30 SEPTEMBER, 10am-12. Meet at the front of the RSL. Put aside two hours to help your local Coastcare clean up the Neck in preparation for summer. A clean roadside discourages littering. Everyone welcome.

Rae Calvert, Co-ordinator — 0417 555 175

Cremorne Playgroup

If the winter chill is keeping you indoors and cabin fever is getting you down then venture out to Cremorne Playgroup. We've got lots of great craft activities and sand pit play. We also provide a warm cup of tea/coffee and sit down and chat. See events listing on p. 8.



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By the time this article goes to press spring < will only be a few weeks away and we can look forward to another summer fast approaching. There is a strong possibility that



Tasmania will have another busy fire season again although we were pretty lucky last year without a major fire in our area. Even with all the recent very limited rains we have had the bush is still very dry, and the Tasmanian Fire Service and the South Arm Brigade urge all residents to be fire safe, to clear up around your property, clear your gutters and create a safe zone in case of fire.

Please don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke alarm when daylight savings starts. Smoke alarms can and do save lives, but only when the battery works. Most importantly, if you need the Fire Brigade please ring 000. Please do not ring a Brigade Member directly. Doing so will result in a delayed response from the Brigade.

At the Brigade's Annual General Meeting in July the following members were re-elected to a further 5 year term of office:-Richard Calvert - Brigade Captain, Barry Heather - 2nd Officer, Brett Arnold – 3rd Officer & Mark Smith – 4th Officer.

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History & Heritage

The South Arm History Sub-Committee recently received a Convict Trail Grant and have begun research into the convicts assigned to the Gellibrand family and those who settled in South Arm after receiving their pardons. So far around 40 convicts, men and women, have been identified, with some interesting stories about their lives and early contributions to establishing our community. The project runs for 12 months and will result in an interesting and informative attraction for both locals and tourists along the bike path.

Another project recently achieved was the ABC open 'Now and Then' photography project. The history team went out into the community with historical photographs and re-took them in the same location, the old over the new to give the illusion of creating a window into the past comparing then and now. Around 70 pictures were taken some of which appear on the ABC website. Visit: abc.net.au/open and click on the Now and Then project, choose Tasmania, then Opossum Bay or South Arm. These photographs will be on display at the Community Centre.

Join us for our Sunday "Afternoons & Coffeespoons" events at the Community Centre. We hope to make these regular events and the first in the series is a talk on Maritime History. On Sunday 9 September, 2pm, Maurice Potter will present his talk on shipwrecks around our coast. Entry fee = gold coin donation; afternoon tea provided. Watch this space for similar events to follow.

In conjunction with Clarence City Council the South Arm History Sub-Committee are assisting with the project on the memorial park for those that lost their lives and the many families who were effected by the collapse of the Tasman Bridge Disaster in 1975.



Perhaps you worked on the river or maybe you worked on the ferries afterward, maybe it changed your life dramatically or you had some other link to this disaster. If you or your family have a story to tell please contact: Maurice Potter: maurice.potter@bigpond.com | 6239 9175; Pene Marshall: seafoam@bigpond.com; Alan Townsend: greenponds@gmail.com

Cremorne Coastcare

Many thanks to all - dogs, kids and adults who lent their muscles and green thumbs for the spit track working bee on 1 July. This project has been funded through a Be Natural



Landcare Australia grant to provide a high tide access over the dunes. Clarence City Council has also been a great support to the project. The single hard surfaced track aims to decrease sand dispersion by having one main route



rather than many informal ones. The revegetation efforts also aim to assist with stabilising the dune. We'll have a grand opening later in the year. If you would like to take part in further work

please contact the group (see events listing on p. 8).

SAPRA Membership

For just \$2 per person, you can help us help you! Membership for the South Arm Peninsula Residents Association runs from 1 July to 30 June each year. Forms available at South Arm and Opossum Bay stores plus the Community Pharmacy. It's not much but it gives us the backing to get things done in our area. PS: If you've paid in the last couple of months, you're already a Member as we had a special offer running.

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Church Events

Gardening at St Barnabas. First Monday of each month at 9.30am. Eng: Jane 6239 9244

Church Services

St Barnabas, South Arm, Sundays at 5:00pm with a weekly children's program. Meal following every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

St Martins, Sandford, Sundays at 8:00am. **St Matthews,** Rokeby, Sundays at 10:00am. Contact Rob 6248 8455 or Jane 6239 9244.

Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Membership, sponsorship & clubhouse inquiries: President-Craig Sly, Sandford, 0418 136 470; Vice President- Maree van Galen, Clifton Beach, 6248 8465; Denise & Ron Kelly, South Arm, 6239 9283; Shayne Clark, Sandford, 6248 9101 or visit www.cliftonbeach@slst.asn.au

Coastcare

Mortimer Bay. 1st Sunday of the month, 9:30-11:30am. Ph: Leanne 0408 498 468

Pipeclay. Meets 10:00am 3rd Sunday in park opposite shop in Cremorne. Ph: Rachel Viney 0439 373 383 or 6248 9498 and visit www.cremorne.tas.au

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Cremorne Bowls Club

Tuesday (Social Bowls), 10.30am - Random Draw. \$7.00, soup after the first game. **Wednesday** (Indoor Bowls), 7.30pm - Rostered Teams.

Saturday (Social Bowls), 12.30pm-Teams. \$7.00, saveloys after the second game. All welcome. Ph: 6248 9856 after 4.30pm or contact glennbrem@netspace.net.au

Cremorne Community Group Inc

www.cremorne.tas.au|ccg@cremorne.tas. au. To receive newsletters and information about the group contact Convenor, Vicki Pearce): 0418 992 891 or vicki_pearce@hotmail.com or Secretary, Brian Bennett: 0417 444 389 or bhbennett@bigpond.com

Dog and Owner Walk

Saturday, 8:00am on beach below Saltair Crt, 8.30am approx at Half Moon Bay. Ph: Jane 6239 9244

Fire Brigade

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm. South Arm Fire Station. Fire Captain: 6239 9412

Friends of Opossum Bay Park

A few locals get together to weed at Opossum Bay Park. Summer meeting time is 9-10am on Tuesday morning. Enq: Dick 6239 9739 or Rae 6239 9342

Garden Club

Meets 1st Monday after South Arm Market at the South Arm Community Centre at 4:00pm. Ring Barbara 6239 9897 or Dot 6239 9190.

Indoor Bowls

Commencing again at Calverton Hall 1:30-3:30pm on Mondays. All welcome, just come along. Phone: Sue 6239 9237.

Karate

For all ages, at Calverton Hall. We do not have classes during the school holidays. Phone: Kathy 6239 9022.

Market

1st Sunday of the month at the South Arm Community Centre, 9am—1pm. For site bookings and enquiries: Pam 6248 9852

Playgroup—Cremorne

Monday, 10am —noon. \$2.50, bring a piece of fruit. Held at the Cremorne Bowls Club. Contact Bron: 6248 8067 or Jodie: 6237 0720 & visit www.cremorne.tas.au

Rainfall Cremorne **Opossum Bay** Sandford **South Arm** May 2012 87.5 mm 103.2 mm 100 mm 106.0 mm June 2012 26.5 mm 37.4 mm 36.5 mm 26.5 mm 2012 Year to Date 232.25 mm 285.0 mm 295 mm 223.5 mm Geir Hurlen Rødven Karen Wheeler Morrie Larkins Noela Foxcroft

SAPRA Committee Meeting

2nd Tuesday in the month, 7:30pm at the South Arm Community Centre. Guests welcome—contact a committee member to arrange.

Sandford Scout Group

Friends, fun, adventure and community service for boys and girls!
Joey Scouts (6 & 7 yrs) Mondays 4.30-5.30pm | Cub Scouts (8-11 yrs) Mondays 6.15-7.45pm | Scouts (11-15 yrs) Wednesday 7-9pm | Venturers (15-18 yrs)
Contact: Jo Maddock 6239 9876

Siddha Yoga Chanting & Meditation Group Sandford

All welcome. 1st Friday of every month. Phone 6248 8247.

Social Club—Over 50s

Gather for a chat, food, bingo and the occasional outing. Meetings held in a room at the Baptist Church (400 Cambridge Rd) every Wednesday at 10:00am. Contact Ron Ewing on 6239 9886

Soup and Sandwich

3rd Monday of the month, midday. Calverton Hall — \$6 per person. Contact Rita on 0403 914 020 or piekrita@msn.com or Jenny on 6239 9162

South Arm RSL Sub-Branch Inc.

General Meeting 4pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the RSL. Contact Terry Roe 0400 140 870 or email troey1@bigpond.com

South Arm RSL & Comm. Club

Great meals every night, bottleshop. Visitors welcome to enjoy these facilities. Ph: 6239 9171

Tai Chi @ South Arm

Friday, 3.30-4.30pm at Calverton Hall Enq: Marigold 6239 9541

Southern Wildlife Rescue & Care 0439 190 052

